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**San Diego Public Library**

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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISCUSSION FEATURES AMENDMENTS V-VIII  
(CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FAIR PROCEDURES) OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS**

*Ongoing Civic Programs Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution*

**SAN DIEGO** –The San Diego Public Library will host *The Bill of Rights: Criminal Justice and Fair Procedures*, a lecture presented by Professor Marjorie Cohn of Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. One of six lectures on amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Professor Cohn will explore the constitutional provisions which protect citizens against abuse of governmental authority. This program is presented in conjunction with the months long library project, *Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution* sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities.

*Searching for Democracy* brings together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

Professor Cohn is a former president of the National Lawyers Guild. She lectures throughout the world on international human rights and U.S. foreign policy. A news consultant for CBS News and a legal analyst for Court TV, she also provides legal and political commentary on BBC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, NPR, Air America and Pacifica Radio. In addition, Professor Cohn is the author of *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law* and co-author of *Cameras in the Courtroom: Television and the Pursuit of Justice* and *Rules of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent*. Her latest book, *The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration and Abuse*, came out in 2011.

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Learn about the Constitution series and other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.gov](http://www.sandiegolibrary.gov).

*Inspiring lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other*

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